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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIRKPATRICK ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yap [US 6,285,043] in view of Cheon [US 6,194,774].

Yap discloses a package [figures 1 and 3b] comprising:

- an insulating substrate [14];
- at least one inductor coil [I1, I2] disposed on the substrate to electrically isolate at least two circuit components [figure 3b]; and
- at least one resistor [RF1, RF2] coupled to the at least one inductor coil.

Yap discloses the instant claimed invention except for the specific structure of the inductor coil.

Cheon discloses an inductor package [figures 1-2] comprising:

- an insulating layer/substrate [110, 210];
- a plurality of traces/conductive patterns [122-128, 222-228] disposed on the substrate, each of the plurality of traces/conductive patterns having first and second ends, the first ends of the plurality of traces/conductive patterns located at a first side of the substrate and the second ends of the plurality of traces/conductive patterns located at a second side of the substrate

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opposite to the first side; wherein the plurality of traces/conductive patterns are substantially parallel to each other; and

- a plurality of conductive bonded wires/patterns [132-138, 232-238] coupling the plurality of traces/conductive patterns [13] to form a coil by having each of the plurality of conductive wires/patterns coupling the first end of one trace/conductive pattern of the plurality of traces/conductive patterns to the second end of another of the plurality of traces/conductive patterns located adjacent to the one trace/conductive pattern, wherein the traces are wire-bonded to the wires.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the inductor coil design of Cheon for the inductor coil of Yap for the purpose of improving high Q.

Regarding claim 4, the specific method used to connect the wires/conductors to the electrically traces would have been an obvious design consideration for the purpose of completing the coil structure.

Regarding claim 5, the specific pitch and length of the traces would have been an obvious design consideration based on the intended application use and for the purpose of reducing the size of the device/package.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-5 and 17-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1966. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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